

ABSTRACT

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Emmert-Wolfinger Farm

1798-99

**Tilghmanton-Boonsboro Vicinity
private**

The central chimney limestone house on this farm was most probably built by John Leonard Emmert in 1798-99. Constructed directly over a spring this house is primarily significant for the early Germanic building traditions it displays.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: Emmert-Wolfinger Farm					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: Manor Church Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Boonsboro-Tilghmanton Vicinity					
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____					
Comments _____					
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Earl Wolfinger					
STREET AND NUMBER: Route # 1					
CITY OR TOWN: Boonsboro			STATE: Maryland		21713
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington County Court House					
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland		21740
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 234/626					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historical Trust Survey # 2047					
DATE OF SURVEY: Summer 1967 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust					
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle					
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis			STATE: Maryland		21404

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located west of Manor Church Road and several hundred feet west of the Manor Church east of Tilghmanton in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated near the base of a hill directly over a spring and faces south.

The structure is a one and a half story stone dwelling constructed of coursed local limestone. A three bay one and a half story addition with a shed roof extends to the rear or north. The house is constructed into a steep bank so that the ground story is exposed on the east, south and north elevations. The addition extends from the roof peak of the main section giving the dwelling the appearance of having two full stories at its west elevation. Careful masonry work employing relatively small stones is evident at the main section. Decorative work includes flat arches over all openings at the main and ground story levels. Somewhat less coursing is evident in the stonework of the addition. Openings are, however, topped with flat arches of carefully cut stone. The spring emerges from the east wall of the main section.

Openings are placed at random in all walls except for the east elevation of the main section where some symmetry is evident. All windows have massive frames joined with wooden pegs and trimmed with quarter round molding. Those at the main story have nine over six pane sashes while windows at the ground and upper story levels employ six over six light sashes. Window treatment at both sections of the house is consistent.

The main entrance is located in the east bay of the front elevation. The door and door frame appear to have been replaced. It has a broad transom. A porch included under the main roof span extends along the entire front elevation. At the west elevation are three entrances all with narrow frames which appear to have been replaced. Entrances at the ground level in the south and north elevations of the main section appear to retain their original frames.

The roof is covered with sheet metal and terminates with plain barge boards set directly against the end walls. The eaves are finished with simple boxing. A large central flue of stone capped with brick extends from the interior of the main section. A second large chimney of stone is located inside the north end wall of the addition.

Southwest of the house at the top of the bluff are the ruins of a large stone end bank barn. The house is in deteriorated condition on a property containing 90 acres.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☒ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Ca. 1798

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant for its architecture and for its association with the Emmert family, important early residents of the area who were instrumental in organizing the Manor Church.

The property on which this house stands is part of a land grant called "Delemere" which was purchased by Leonard Emmert from John Booth on June 30, 1798 for E2256:7:6. Emmert's purchase included 410 acres. According to J. Maurice Henry in his History of the Church of the Bretheren in Maryland, John Leonard Emmert was the builder of this house on which he began construction in 1798 or 99.¹ The house certainly appears to have been built as early as 1798. It reflects early Germanic building traditions in the use of the central chimney and possibly the practice of building directly over a spring. This house is outstanding as one of a small number of 18th century dwellings in Washington County which employ central chimney construction. All of these houses have been linked to people of Germanic descent who migrated to Washington County from Southern Pennsylvania.

John Leonard Emmert was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania in 1744. He served in the Revolutionary Army from 1775-1777. He moved to Washington County in 1798 and died in 1804. He is said to have been interred in the family cemetery overlooking the homestead.²

The Emmert family were active in the history of the Manor Church. John Emmert, son of John Leonard, was a minister of the Manor Congregation. According to Henry, services were held in the vicinity in private houses as early as 1790. The church was built in 1839 on one acre of land which was donated by Michael and Anna Emmert, apparently from this farm.³ The property remained in the Emmert family until 1866.

¹ J. Maurice Henry, History of the Church of the Bretheren in Maryland. Elgin III: Bretheren Publishing House (1936) p. 48.

² Ibid. 48,225

³ Ibid. 191

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Henry J. Maurice, History of the Church of the Bretheren in Maryland.
Elgin, III: Bretheren Publishing House, 1936.

Washington County Land Records.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	°	'	"		°	'	"	
NE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SW	°	'	"		°	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **90 acres.**

Acreage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant		DATE December 1975
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historical Sites Survey		
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex		
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland	

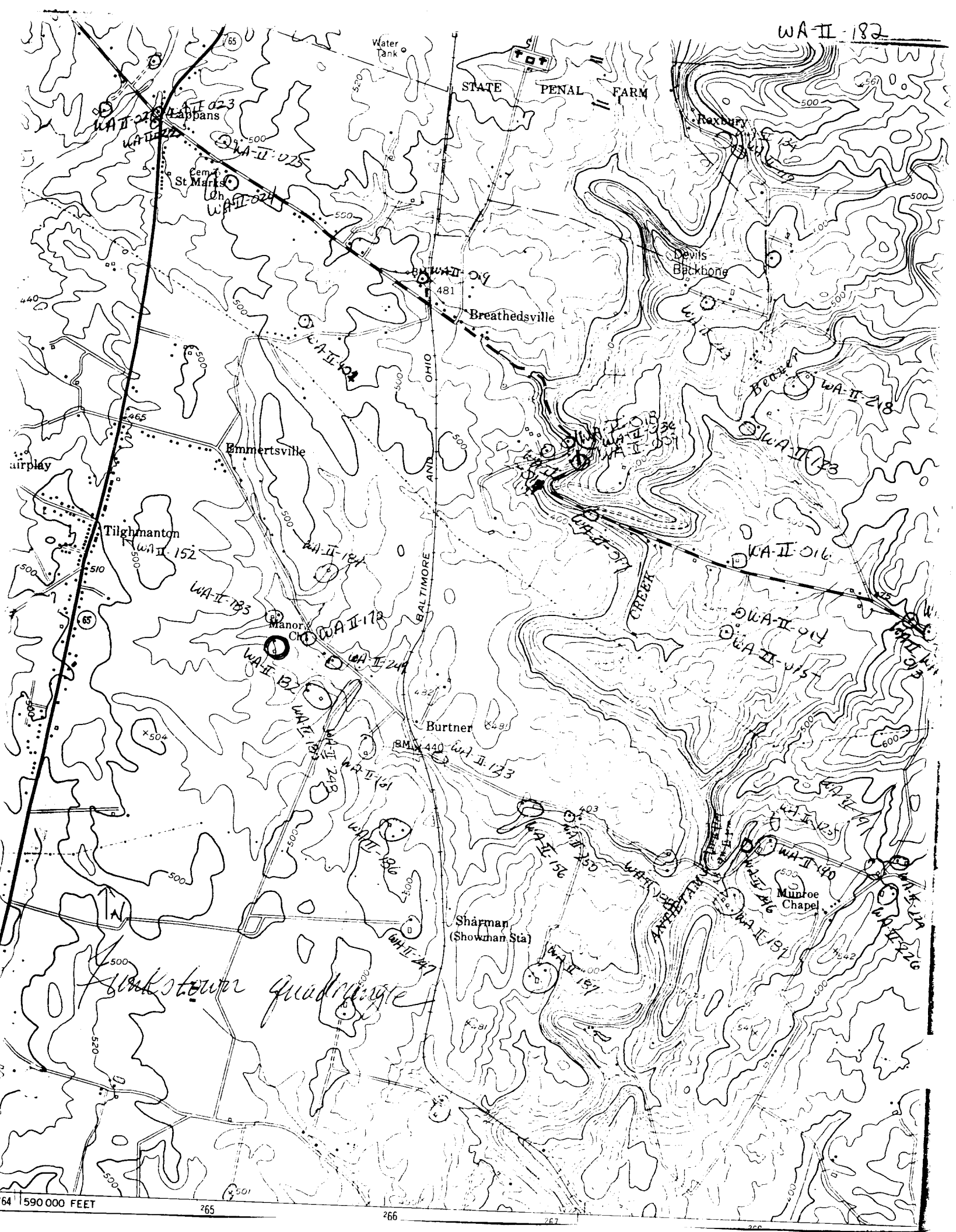
12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

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